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NO!
SLURP! OH, BROTHER, IS THIS THE EVER-LOVIN' DULLEST DAY OF THE SUMMER, OR WHAT? :SNIFF: I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS WORLD IS COMING TO, THE DAY I CAN'T THINK OF SOMETHING TO OCCUPY MY MIND WITH . . .
FISH & CHI
SUPER SWISS
Daily Blah
NEWS

THE *NORSE GODS* HAD THEIR *VALHALLA*, BUT NOW *I*, TOO, HAVE FOUND MY *ELYSIAN FIELDS!* ¡SNIFF!

MEGA-ÜBER-GIGANTE-MALL OF THE WORLD!

MALL

OKAY, *MEATHEAD*, THIS IS YOUR TRIAL BY *FIRE*, SO TO SPEAK. REMEMBER THE WORD *FIRE*, 'CAUSE IT'S WHAT *I'LL* DO TO *YOU* IF *YOU* DO A *BUM JOB!*

SEE, WE DON'T WANT NO *RIFFRAFF* INTERFERIN' WITH THE *SPENDING PLEASURE* OF OUR *CUSTOMERS!* A *HAPPY* CONSUMER IS A *GENEROUS* CONSUMER! *UNNERSTAN'?*

DUH, I SURE DO, *MR. SPITZNAGLE*, SIR! I WILL DO A *BANG-UP* JOB!

DUH, DON'T *YOU WORRY*, I WILL NOT ALLOW IN ANY RIFFRAFF.

GRUMBLE, MUTTER

MALL SECURITY

MEL SPITZNAGLE
DIRECTOR

THIS IS A *BIG DAY* FOR ME, IT IS. DUH, I AM A MAN IN *UNIFORM*. NOW I WILL GET *RESPECT*, I WILL. AND I WILL MAKE MR. SPITZNAGLE *PROUD* OF ME, TOO.

:SNIFF: HELLO, *MEATHEAD!*

DUH, HELLO.

= riff-raff

+ + pink slip: MEATHEAD ☐ job ☑ no job

= OUT

DUH, THAT WAS THAT *CRAZY SQUIRREL!* I'D BETTER KEEP A *CLOSE* EYE ON *HIM!*

HEY, WATCH IT!

PARDON ME, COMING THROUGH! STEP ASIDE, JUNIOR!

YA CRAZY FOOL!

DUH, OH, BOY, THERE GOES THAT CRAZY SQUIRREL, GOING UP THE DOWN ESCALATOR. I KNEW HE WAS UP TO NO GOOD!

WOMBATS 'R' US

HOUSE OF NONSENSE

don't really need this" Gifts

STEP ASIDE! COMING THROUGH! DUH, YOU'RE OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE, LADY!

SEE HERE, YOUNG MAN, THIS IS THE DOWN ESCALATOR! CAN'T YOU READ? OH, MY PACKAGES! YOU OAF!

OH, THE HUMANITY!

T.T. F.N.,* MEATHEAD, OL' PAL!

GUM 4 LESS!

THAT IDIOT SECURITY GUARD MADE ME DROP MY CERAMIC DANCING CLOWN MUSIC BOX, WITH FAUX PRECIOUS STONE EYES!

JUST RUBBER PAN

*TA-TA, FOR NOW! USE THIS PHRASE ABBREVIATION WHENEVER POSSIBLE, KIDS!

DUH, *NOW* I GOTCHA, YOU *PESKY VARMINT!* I SEE YER SAYIN' YER *PRAYERS!*

I AIN'T SAYIN' MY *PRAYERS*, AMIGO, I'M SAYIN' *SAYONARA!*

DUH, I WASN'T EXPECTING *THAT*, I WASN'T. NOPE. NO SIRREE. ABSOLUTELY NOT. IT CERTAINLY WASN'T SOMETHING I WAS ANTICIPATING HAPPENING IN THE LEAST BIT.

WELL, THAT SURE *SLOWED* THINGS UP. I GUESS I'D BETTER GO AFTER HIM NOW.

SPROING!

BUFFOON!

PARDON ME! CHASING A TROUBLEMAKER! PASSING THROUGH!

JACKANAPE!

DUH, WE ARE *SORRY* FOR THIS *INCONVENIENCE*. PLEASE SHOP AGAIN AT *"MEGA-UBER-GIGANTE SUPER MALL OF THE WORLD"!*

NOT LIKELY, I *WON'T!*

7.5 9.1 7.E 8.4

DUH, I WAS TOO *SLOW*. NOTHING AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS FOUNTAIN AT ALL. USUALLY IT HAS ABOUT A *BAZILLION DOLLARS* WORTH OF *PENNIES* IN IT.

SECURITY

HOWDY, *STRANGER!* Y'KNOW, THERE'S *GOLD* IN THEM THAR *FOUNTAINS!*

DUH, NOT *TODAY*, THERE'S *NOT*. SOMEBODY MUSTVE CLEANED 'EM OUT.

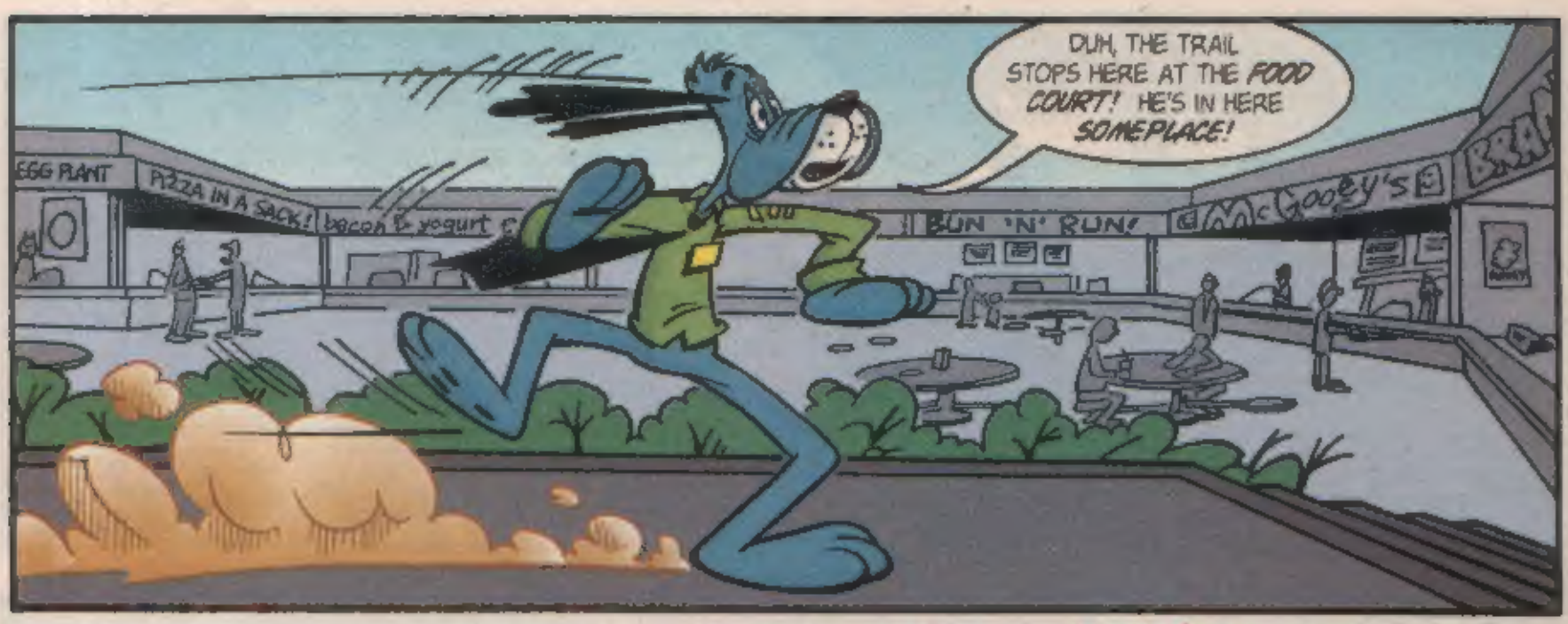
YA DON'T SAY? *SNIFF!* WELP, THA'S A MIGHT UNUSUAL. GUESS AH'LL BE *A-MOSEYIN'* ALONG, NOW.

HEH, THERE'S *GOLD* IN THEM THAR *PANTS*. THEM THAR *PANTS?!?*

JUST SPUDS

DUH, I'LL GET *YOU*, YOU *RASCAL!*

HA-HA-HA!


DUH, THE TRAIL STOPS HERE AT THE FOOD COURT! HE'S IN HERE SOMEPLACE!
EGG PLANT
PIZZA IN A SACK!
BUN 'N' RUN!
McGOOEY'S

HALT! WHO DARES ENTER THE COURT OF FOOD WITHOUT ITS KING'S PERMISSION?
DUH, IT'S ME, MEATHEAD. I'M A SECURITY GUARD, SEE?
:SNIFF: AH, A NOBLE MARSHAL OF JUSTICE! A CONSTABLE BRAVE AND TRUE!
YOU WOULD DO WELL TO JOIN US HERE IN THE KINGDOM OF CHOLESTEROL!
JOIN YOU? BUT I HAVE A JOB TO DO.
A JOB? PHOOEY ON YOUR SO-CALLED JOB! I SPIT :HOCK - - PTOOIE!: ON YOUR JOB! WHAT I OFFER YOU IS A MUCH NOBLER CALLING! A KNIGHTHOOD IN MY KINGDOM!
DUH, GEE, A KNIGHTHOOD?

Just Jerky
SURE YOU'VE GOT A JOB, BUT DON'T YOU WANT MORE OUT OF LIFE? :SNIFF: WHAT I OFFER YOU IS MORE THAN A MERE VOCATION. IT IS A CHANCE TO BE PART OF SOMETHING REGAL! A KEEPER OF THE COURT! AN OBSTACLE TO ALL HERETICS AND ALIMENTARY NE'ER-DO-WELLS!
WON'T YOU JOIN ME, BRAVE CONSTABULARY, IN MY KINGDOM?
YES, YESS! BY GOLLY, I WILL!
VERY WELL, I DUB THEE SIR GULLIBLE OF EAT-A-LOT!
KRUNCH
WOTTA SAP! HA-HA-HA! :SNIFF:

♪ YOU ARE A DUMMY! DUMMY, DUMMY, DUMMY! ♪

DUH, AW SHUT UP!

THAT LITTLE GOON WON'T GET AWAY FROM ME! EVEN IF HE VACATED THE PREMISES, I'D GO RETRIEVE HIM, JUST FOR THE PLEASURE OF THROWING HIM BACK OUT AGAIN!

OH-HO! WHAT'S THIS? A TRAIL OF BREAD CRUMBS.

VIVE LA FRANCE!

A FRENCH BREAD CRUMB! DUH, JUST LIKE THAT DETESTABLE RODENT WAS WAVING AROUND! I'M ON HIS TRAIL AGAIN!

GLADRAGS HABERDASHER

DUH, HE WON'T GET AWAY THIS TIME!

NON, NON, NON! ZIS EEZ AN OUTRAGE! :SNEEF: LOOK AT WHAT YOU ARE WEARING! EET EEZ AN ABOMINATION! COME, LET ME 'ELP YOU!

DUH, BUT I GOTTA WEAR THIS IT'S MY UNIFORM!

UNIFORM, SCHMOONIFORM! :SNEEF: EET EEZ ORRIBLE TO LOOK AT SOCH A 'ANDSOME MAN PARADING ABOUT LIKE A PATHETIC MONKEY! I WEEL FIX YOU UP GOOD!

DUH, I REALLY CAN'T I'M CHASING A CRAZY SQUIRREL

DUH, YOU REALLY THINK I'M HANDSOME?

MON DIEU! LOOK LOOK! SEE WHAT A LADY KILLER YOU ARE!

DUH, OKAY

YIKES! DUH, I LOOK JUST LIKE THAT CRAZY SQUIRREL!

HONK! HONK!

SEE I TOL YA YOU WAS A HANDSOME DEVIL! CHICK, CHICK! HA-HA-HA! SEE YA LATER, MEATHEAD!

HEY, THAT WAS THAT CRAZY SQUIRREL AGAIN!

THINGS NOT BROWN!

EFFLUVIUMANIA
A POTPORRI OF SCENTS & NEW AGE REMEDIES

LOVE

HATE & WAR

Sale! 20%

:SNIFF: PEE, EVER-SO, YOO! WHAT AN AMBROSIAL OUTLET! UH-OH, HERE COMES MEATHEAD, RIGHT ON SCHEDULE! I'D BETTER POKE MY NOSE N HERE AND SEE WHAT'S UP!

DUH, HEY YOU!

LOVE

FAR OUT

YAH

PEACE

DUH, SAY HAVE YOU SEEN A LITTLE FELLA ABOUT YAY HIGH COME IN HERE?

PEACE & LOVE

LIKE, WHAT'S YER HURRY, BUB? :SNIFF: WELCOME TO OUR, LIKE, HUMBLE BOUTIQUE. YOU SEEM STRESSED-OUT, BROTHER. LIKE, LET ME EASE YOUR MISERY

:SNIFF: LEMME LIKE HELP YOU CALM YOUR FEVERED BRAIN CHUMSIE WE GOT POTIONS AND POWDERS AND BALMS FOR ALL THAT AILS YOU HERE

GOOD-DAY'S

DUH, IF YOU GOT ALL THEM REMEDIES, HOW COME YOU'RE SNIFFIN' ALL THE TIME?

OH, WOE IS ME! FOR ALL OUR CRYSTALS AND SO FORTH, I STILL HAVE YET TO FIND ONE THAT'LL HELP MY STUFFY NOSE! SOB!

DUH, THERE, THERE, LITTLE NEW-AGE GUY I'M SORRY TO BRING UP A SORE SPOT

"YEAH WHATEVER. I'M FOCUS ON HER OWN SHORT-COMINGS YOU MR FASCIST RENT-A-COP! SO I'M ALLERGIC TO POTPOURRI! SO WHAT! SUE ME!

HEY AREN'T YOU NEW-AGE GUYS SUPPOSED TO BE RELAXED ALL THE TIME?

YER RIGHT PAL CALM BLUE OCEAN. CALM BLUE OCEAN, CALM BLUE OCEAN.

DUH, WHY DO YOU KEEP SAYING THAT?

IT'S MY MANTRA -- MY SPECIAL PHRASE THAT SOOTHES ME. YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE ONE TOO

DUH, WHAT DO I DO NOW?

SSSSSSS

OKAY HERE'S YOUR MANTRA SAY "SPITS, SNIGGLES, AZMERK." THAT'LL HELP YOU JUST KEEP SAYING IT SLOWLY AT FIRST THEN FASTER AND FASTER AND HOLD THIS SCENTED CANDLE IT'S A BALM

YEAH, SECURITY? :SNIFF: ONE OF YER GUARDS IS GOOFING OFF IN MY SHOP OBSTRUCTING MY BUSINESS YEAH OKAY, THANKS

THIS OUGHTA BE GOOD HA-HA-HA!

SPITS, SNIGGLES, AZHERK
SPITS, SNIGGLES, AZHERK . . .
SPITS, SNIGGLES, AZHERK
SPITZNAGLE'S A JERK?!?

SSSSSS

OH, I'M A JERK, AM I?

B-BUT I DUH, THAT SCREWY CLERK I?

new ag

KA-BOOM!

PEACE

HA-HA-HA! I KNEW HE'D GET A BANG OUTTA THAT BALM!

HA-HA-HA! "BALM," SEE? BALM SPELLED B-O-M-B BOMB! HA-HA-HA! SNIFF!

UH, HA-HA? SNIFF! SAY THAT'S A NICE *SMOKING JACKET* YOU'VE GOT *SMOKING JACKET* BECAUSE IT'S *SMOKING*, SEE? AND UM

SEE YA!

AN' STAY OUT, YA BUM!

EX-EMPLOYEES ONLY!

YKNOW CONFIDENTIALLY, I *HATE* THAT *SQUIRREL!*

I MAY BE DUMBER THAN A BAG OF HAMMERS DUM BUT I SAW THIS COMING FROM THE *BEGINNING* DIDN'T I?

FIRED!

miff-raff

YEAH, BUT YOU *DIDN'T* SEE *THAT* COMING, DIDJA, HAH? DIDJA? HA-HA-HA!

WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG, BANNED WOLF?

THE BOILER ROOM

DANCING GIRLS NIGHTLY

...AND STAY OUT! GO FIND SOME OTHER DANCE-HALL GIRL TO BOTHER!

WUMP

OOF!

THUD

PAUL CASTIGLIA--SCRIPT
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HUMPH! THINKS HE CAN KEEP ME AWAY FROM MY BABE, HUH? I'LL SHOW HIM!

PREST O CHANGE-O MAN OF 1,000 DISGUISES

"MAN OF 1,000 DISGUISES," EH? THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!

SCCV.

PREST-O

KNOCK KNOCK

WHO IS IT?

GAG-A-GRAM FOR MISTER CHANGE-O!

GAG-A-GRAM?! WHAT ON *EARTH* IS A GAG-A-GRAM?!

WELL...

• P ST-

IT'S LIKE THIS!

AIEEE

HMPH! HMPHMMPH!

AHA! *THAT'S* WHAT I CAME HERE FOR! I'LL NEVER HAVE TO MISS MY *SLICK CHICK* AGAIN!

LOOKS LIKE *FARMER WOLFIE'S* GONNA PAY A LI'L OL' VISIT TO THE BOILER ROOM AND SEE MY SWEET LI'L MISSY DANCE!

GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. PLEASE GIVE A *HEARTY* ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO OUR VERY OWN BOILER ROOM DANCING GIRL!

OBOY, OBOY, OBOY -- BRING ON THE *BABE!*

GOTTA KEEP MY *COOL* -- CAN'T GET *HOT* UNDER THE COLLAR!

YOWZA!

PANTY-PANT!

OUCH!

OUCH!

OUCH!

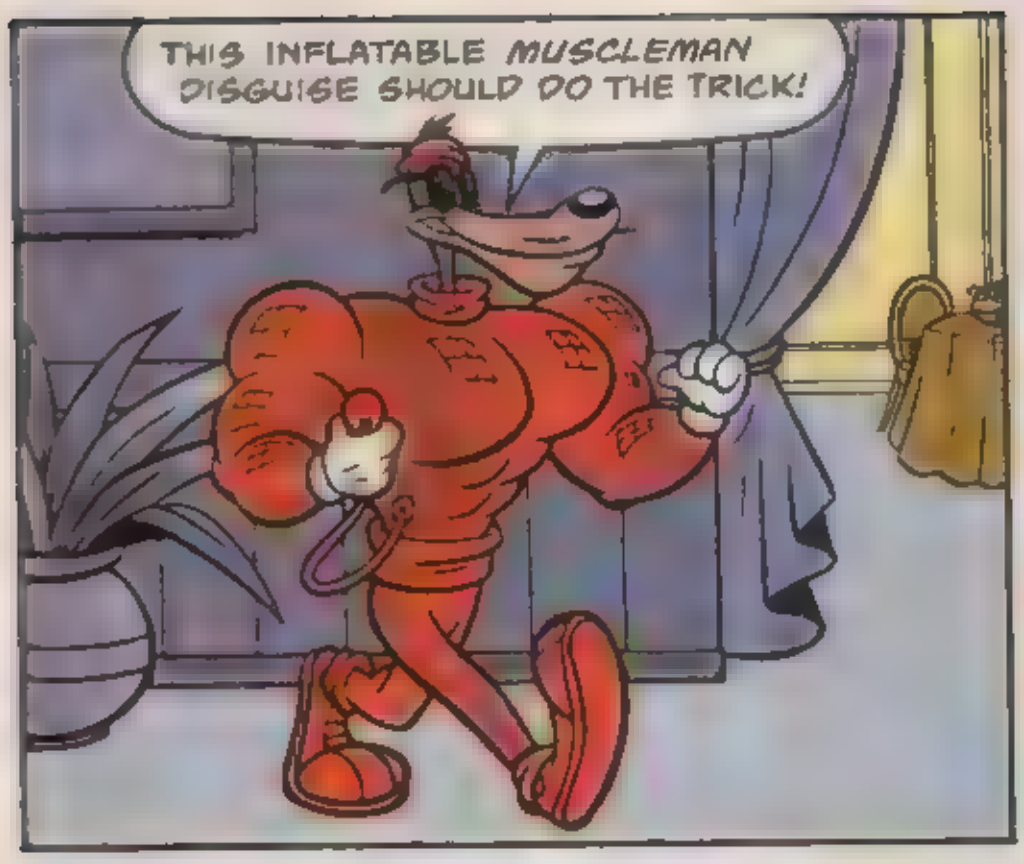
WOO-WOO!

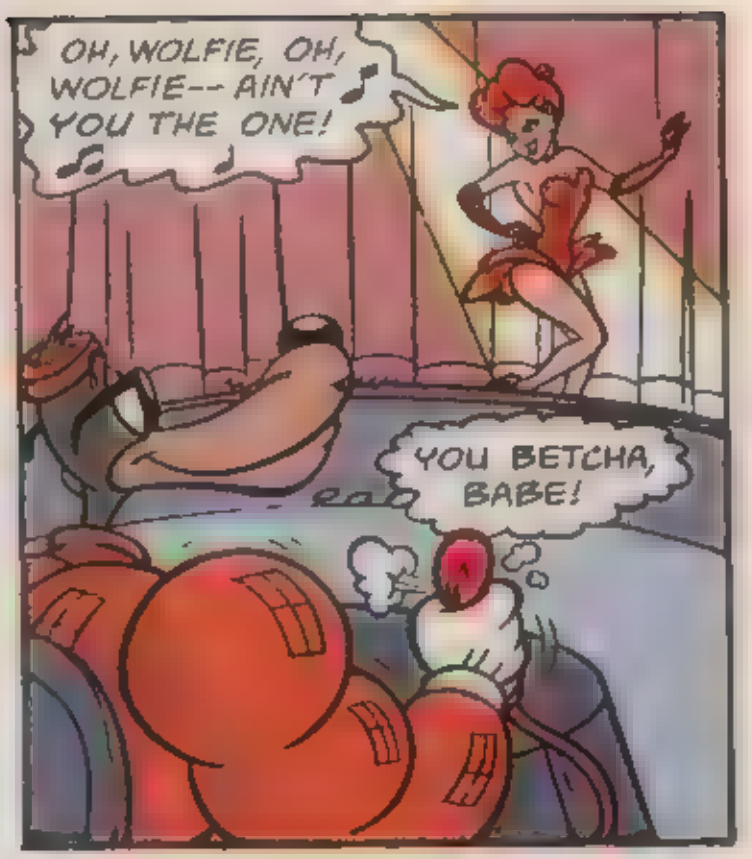
EVERY GIRL IS CRAZY 'BOUT A CERTAIN BURLY WOLF!

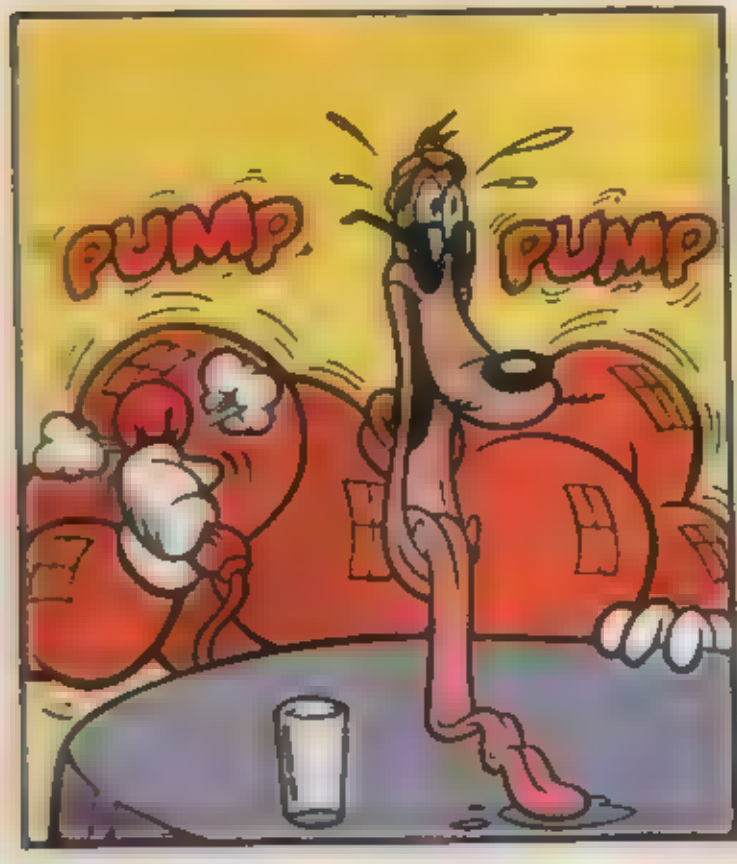
AHA -- I KNEW IT!

GULP.

I SAID *STAY OUT!*


THIS INFLATABLE *MUSCLEMAN* DISGUISE SHOULD DO THE TRICK!


OH, WOLFIE, OH, WOLFIE-- AIN'T YOU THE ONE!
YOU BETCHA, BABE!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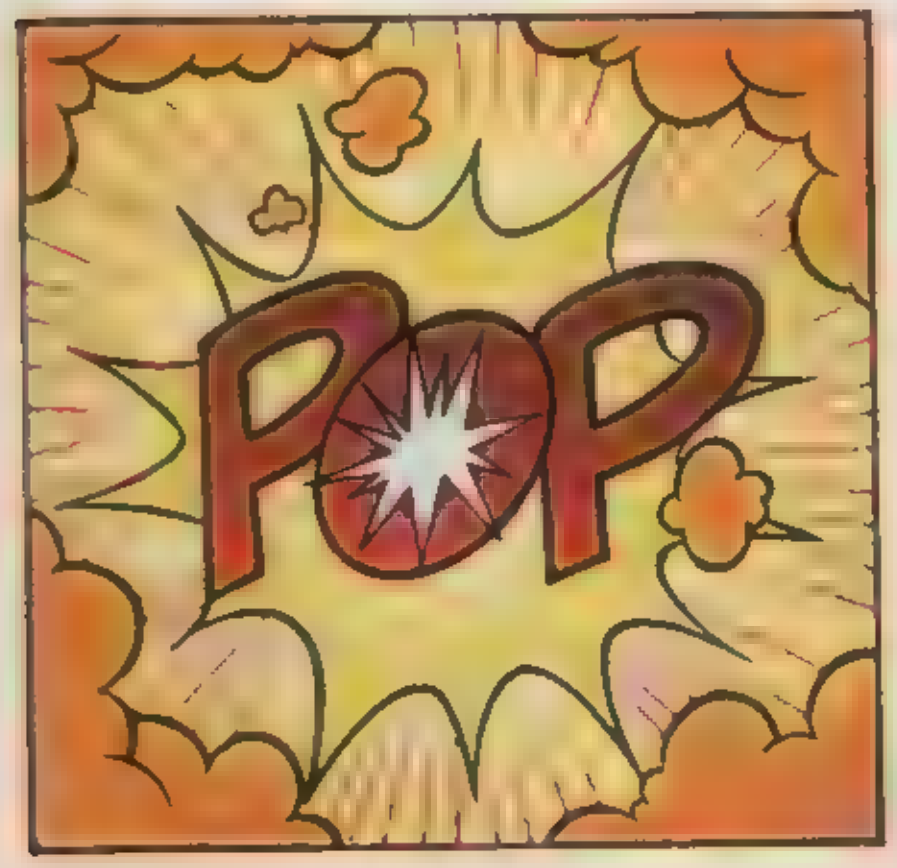
LOOK OUT --SHE'S GONNA BLOW!
IT'S THAT *BLASTED* WOLF AGAIN!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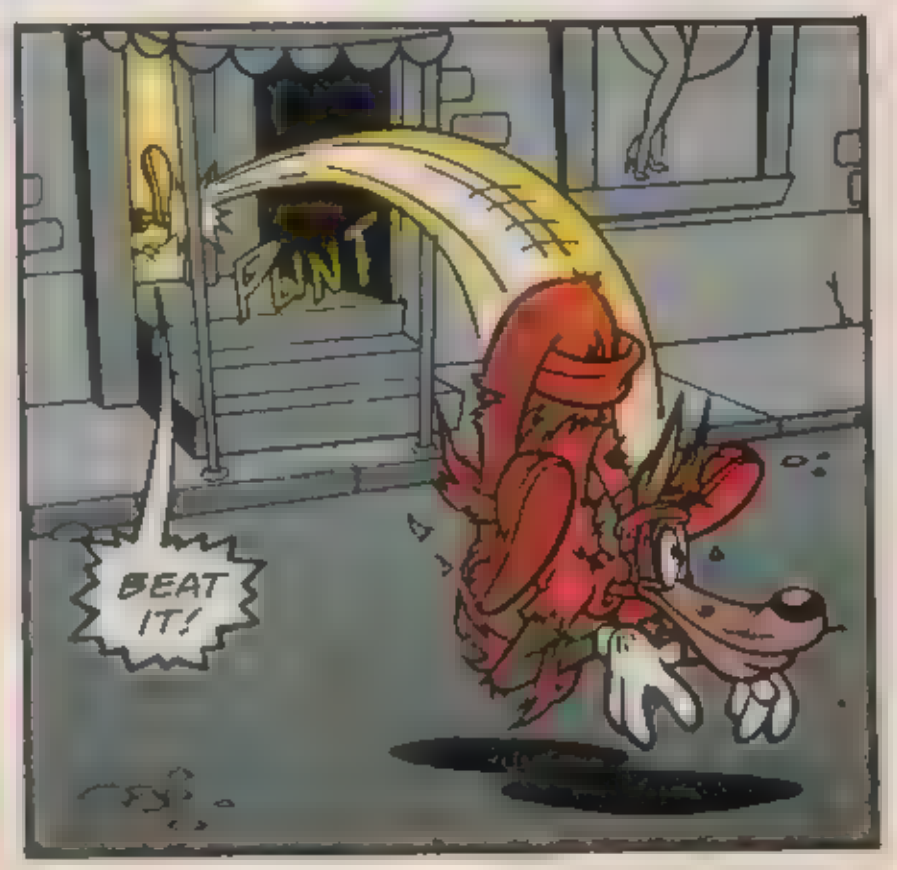
PAINT
BEAT IT!

THIS MASKED RIDER DISGUISE OUGHTA FOOL THAT CHUMP!

♪ I NEED A RUGGED MAN TO SWEEP ME OFF MY FEET! ♪

WOOOO-WEEEE! I'LL SWEEP YA OFF YOUR FEET, BABY!

EVERYONE RUN FOR COVER!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT WAS YOU!

UH, TEE--

KICK

--HEE.

RIGHT THIS WAY, MA'AM!

THE BUM FELL FOR IT-- I JUST HOPE HE DON'T ASK ME FOR A DATE!

♪ YOU SEND A SHIVER DOWN MY SPINE, YOU ARE THE ROMEO KIND! ♫

BOING

DUH...

MY GOODNESS--NO ONE EVER THREW FRUIT AT ME BEFORE! GUESS I BETTER LEARN SOME NEW DANCE STEPS!

AAWOOGAH

YOU HAVE SOME MIGHTY FURRY LEGS FOR A CARIBBEAN QUEEN!

OOOPS!

SLAM

BONK

THIS IS GETTIN' STALE...

MEANWHILE...

IF THAT ANONYMOUS TIP WE RECEIVED IS TRUE, WE'LL GET *MEDALS* FOR THIS!

KOPY KAT KLUB

PREST-O CHANGE-O MAN OF 1,000 DISGUISES

NOW APPEARING

WE'LL BE "THE *COPS WHO NAILED* KARL THE CHAMELEON" --I CAN SEE THE TICKER-TAPE PARADE NOW!

THE KOPY KAT KLUB-- *THIS* IS THE PLACE, ALL RIGHT!

DISGUISES

LOOK!

HE'S CALLING HIMSELF *PREST-O CHANGE-O* NOW!

LET'S GET IN THERE AND *RAID* THE JOINT!

NO NEED TO--

ISN'T *THAT* HIM ON THE CORNER?

OOOHH... MY ACHIN' HEAD!

IT'S *HIM* ALL RIGHT-- THIS *MUG'S MUG* MATCHES HIS *MUG* SHOT!

KARL T... CHAMELEON

ALIAS SAM THE SNAKE, GERRY GIRAFFE, TOMMY TORTOISE, RICKY RAT, VIC DAMONE, HARRY

HUH?

AND *HERE'S* HIS BAG OF *DISGUISES!* WE'VE *DEFINITELY* GOT OUR MAN!

WE SHOULD ARREST HIM JUST FOR WEARING THAT *TACKY* DRESS!

UH-OH...

JUST THEN, PREST-O ESCAPES FROM HIS BONDS AND STAGGERS INTO THE STREET...

JUST WAIT UNTIL I GET MY HANDS ON THAT WO-- UH-OH!-- THE COPS! IF THEY *RECOG-NIZE* ME, I'M GOIN' UP THE RIVER! BETTER STAY IN THE SHADOWS...

HEY, BUDDY-- WHAT'RE YOU *DO-ING* IN THIS *DARK* ALLEY?

DON'T YOU KNOW THERE ARE *DANGEROUS* FELONS LURKING ABOUT!

YEAH, WE JUST CAUGHT KARL THE CHAMELEON-- HE'S BEEN KNOCKIN' OVER BANKS IN DIFFERENT *DISGUISES* FOR YEARS!

YOU DON'T SAY!

WELL, IT'S *TRUE*, SO IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S *GOOD* FOR YOU, YOU'LL STAY OFF THE STREETS!

BESIDES-- WHO'D WANNA STAY OUT *HERE* WHEN THERE'S A *GORGEOUS* DAME DANCING UP A STORM IN *THERE*!

HEH-HEH... AND WHO SAYS CRIME DOESN'T PAY?

HO-WOOOOOOLLLL!!!

I GOTTA GET IN THERE AND CHECK OUT THOSE *GAMS* FER MYSELF!

WAP

FOR THE *VERY* LAST TIME --*STAY OUT!*

OUCH!

THE END

NEXT ISSUE:

Meathead gets a new job protecting a valuable antique collection until the house-cleaning service arrives — run by none other than Screwball Squirrel! To Meathead's dismay, his employer's mansion is cleaned, all right — of all its priceless belongings!

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